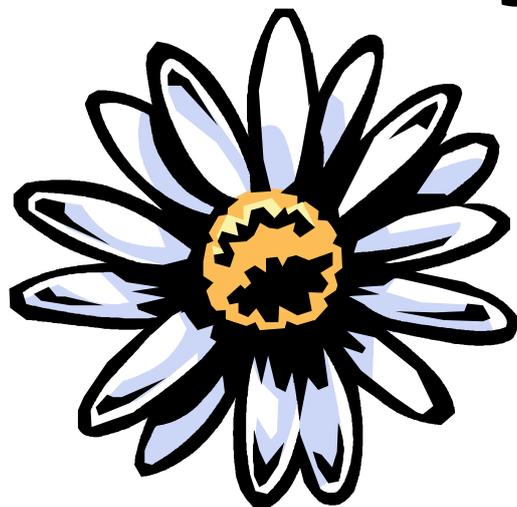


Yorke Mead Primary School



Welcome

to

Year 6

WELCOME TO YEAR 6

We are delighted to welcome you to year 6 – your final year at Yorke Mead! We hope this will be a happy and successful year for everyone.

The Year 6 Team

In Red Oak: Mrs Feldman will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Arora will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays both teachers will be in class.

In White Oak: Mrs Carter will teach every day except for Thursday, when the class will be taken by Mr Furlong.

On Wednesday afternoons PPA cover will be provided by Mr Furlong and Miss Royal who is the Year 6 teaching assistant. Mrs Lokuge is the other Year 6 teaching assistant.

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 6 team, if you have any questions.

Becoming independent

As the children approach their final year at Yorke Mead, being able to organise themselves is key to assisting their learning. PE kits and reading books should be in school every day. Maths home learning and English home learning needs to be completed and returned punctually.

Home Learning

Maths and English homework will be set on Wednesday to be completed / given in by Monday.

In addition for topic, a 'topic homework' grid will be given out at the beginning of the half term. This will list a number of activities that the children can choose from- the expectation being that they spend 1 hour a week on a task. The activities will range in length from 1-3 hours (project style). We will monitor this homework through show and tell sessions.

We also encourage the children to read daily and to fill in their reading diaries at least once a week. They should also practise their spelling and times tables using *Times Table Rock Stars* regularly.

Due to the Covid restrictions, to keep everyone safe, homework where possible will be online e.g. MyMaths, Where written homework is required, children will hand in their work as usual, but it will not be marked and returned for a minimum of 48 hours.

Children who do not bring in their homework, will be expected to complete it in their own time at school (e.g. break time) so please help them to organise themselves as this is good preparation for secondary school. If your child is reluctant or unable to do their homework at home, please encourage your child to talk to a member of Year 6 before the due date.

Although 'Homework club' is not currently running, we are hoping that it will be able to resume as soon as possible. Once it does, children can complete their homework there, supported by one of the school staff. This club is free of charge- please email the office if you would like your child to use this facility.

End of the School Day

If your child is in Year 4 Maple, Year 5 or Year 6 they will now exit school through the rear classroom doors, following the one-way system. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, you may decide that your child is old enough to meet you at a quieter meeting point, on site or off site. If this is the case, or you plan to allow your child to walk home independently, we will need you to complete and return a consent form. This change is because of the staggered finish and because teachers will not be able to watch every child walking to different meeting points. This is a positive step in supporting the children's independence; you know your child best, and can judge if they are ready for this. All children should be told if the parent due to collect them is not there to walk back to school/ their classroom. They should not go home with another parent if this has not been planned and definitely not walk home themselves unless this is planned. Again, please only one parent to collect.

Twitter

Last year Twitter really took off at Yorke Mead and it has become a great way for us to keep you updated about what is happening. Have you remembered to follow your child's new year group? Start following now and you won't miss out on anything.

Things to bring to school



Reading Book

The children will all have a chance to choose a reading book from the school library and will be expected to read every day at home. As it is beneficial for children to read to an adult, we hope that you will be able to read with your child at least three times a week, signing their reading records as you do so, so that they can be awarded with reading reward stickers. Children who are not reading regularly, will be expected to read during their lunch time.

Reading books need to be brought into school each day. However once your child has finished their book, they will be placed in a tray for 48 hours to comply with Covid guidance.

PE Kit



We will be developing our skills in gymnastics, dance and games. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit – black shorts, red T-shirt and trainers and for winter also tracksuit trousers and a warm top as we will continue to be outside. P.E kit should be in a drawstring bag and is expected to be in school everyday during the week as there may be times when P.E lessons change days. In Year 6 PE will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Children will be expected to take their PE kits home weekly (after the Thursday PE lesson) and return them asap, ready for the next PE lesson.

Please note that any jewellery worn will need to either be taken off during PE lessons or taped down.

A Bottle of Water

We encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the school day. Children are expected to bring a named bottle of water (no juice), to school and will have the opportunity to refill these regularly. Please do not send children with frozen water, as the condensation makes tables and bags wet.

Hand sanitiser and a packet of tissues

Please give your child a mini-bottle of hand sanitiser to keep with them in school.

Snack

Children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat during the morning break. No chocolate, crisps or cereal bars please.



Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. Only plain stud earrings are allowed; no other jewellery or nail varnish should be worn in school. Long hair must be tied back with a plain hair band – no excessive hair accessories please. Please note that in line with current guidance, uniform needs to be washed daily.

Year 6 2020-21 Curriculum

We follow a creative curriculum at Yorke Mead School and aim to cover all the curriculum skills that children require within the different topics taught across the year. As well as Numeracy and Literacy lessons each day we will be studying the following themes through our topic work:-

Autumn 1:	Mayan Civilisation Please note: Mayan Day Wednesday 21 st October (details to follow)
Autumn 2:	Extreme Earth
Spring 1:	Kings and Queens of Britain from 1066 to modern day
Spring 2:	The Tudors: the monarchs
Summer 1:	Pop Art
Summer 2:	Our Home –The UK